

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in order to place the present application in a better condition for examination to avoid extra claims fees. Care has been taken to avoid the introduction of new matter. All of the changes made in this Preliminary Amendment are made without prejudice, so that the matter deleted may be reintroduced as necessary for prosecution of the application.

Summary and Conclusion:

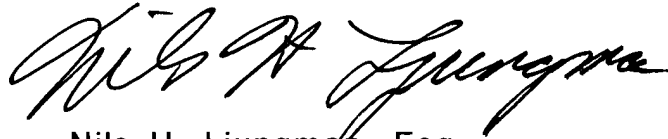
It is submitted that Applicant has provided a new and unique CUTTING TOOL, IN PARTICULAR FOR MACHINING PISTON RINGS AND METHOD FOR MACHINING PISTON RINGS. It is submitted that the claims are fully distinguishable over the prior art. Therefore, it is requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued at an early date.

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Respectfully submitted,

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